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Joseph J. Sullivan, LCSW
President
Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.
38 Old Ridgebury Road
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30601-EXM
Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establish Substance Abuse Residential Detox and Evaluation Program in Danbury

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a substance abuse residential detox and evaluation program at 38 Old Ridgebury Road, in Danbury.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc. ("MCCA") is a non-profit facility that provides substance abuse services at various locations in Connecticut.
2. MCCA is proposing to provide residential detoxification services at 38 Old Ridgebury Road, in Danbury.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated October 24, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow MCCA, Inc. for a substance abuse treatment license- residential detoxification services at 38 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury, serving clients in primarily Region 5 (Northwest) and secondarily Region 1 (Southeast) areas.

4. DMHAS states that this new service would address a need within the Northwest region, while also filling a gap in service due to the closure of LMG's detoxification program (Meridian Hill) in the Southwest region. It is estimated that annually the program will provide care to 500 unduplicated persons.
5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$47,818.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc's. request to establish a substance abuse residential detox and evaluation program at 38 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS
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